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PATENT APPLICATION 2174 \$

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEO TAKIGUCHI)
Application No.: 09/848,372)
Filed: May 4, 2001)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)
STORAGE MEDIUM, AND)
PROGRAM)

Examiner: Umar Arshad
Group Art Unit: 2174
August 11, 2004

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004 for two months from June 12, 2004 to August 12, 2004.

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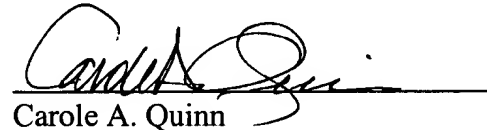
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole A. Quinn", is written over a horizontal line.

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